



Hand-Up Tuition Assistance Program Info for Parents

About us

This private foundation was established to help ALL people become their best selves by promoting **essential personal life skills** training starting in early childhood and continuing into adulthood. We do this by **ADVOCATING** for quality early learning for all children, **EDUCATING** about the need for **essential personal life skills** training, and **INVESTING** in children and families in our community through our tuition assistance program.

What We Do

We offer our program to local quality early learning centers and provide a **HAND-UP** for hard-working families who are not receiving government pre-K assistance, and who are struggling to pay for preschool tuition for their child(ren). For families who qualify based on financial criteria, we will pay **\$200 per month** per qualifying child directly to the early learning center to help offset a portion of the family's monthly tuition for each child from birth until they qualify for VPK.

How Applicants Apply

To find out if your family is eligible to apply for our program: 1) check our Income Eligibility Chart your center received from us. If your family's financial situation falls within our guidelines, 2) complete our Pre-Eligibility Inquiry form, which your center also has. You or your center can then email the completed form to us at margarita@santorofoundation.org. If we give preliminary approval, we will email our full application to you; 3) return the completed full application along with the required supporting documents as instructed on the form. If approved, a few additional requirements must also be met, including a brief virtual meeting with us after you are approved; a review of our website and your feedback on two short videos; registering for the Vroom app and reviewing their site; and finally, we must receive a photo of your child for our file. We will notify you and the center of your approval status, and if/when you are approved and the above is complete, our help will begin immediately!

Why we do it

We believe every child deserves quality early learning, including **essential personal life skills** training, during early childhood and into adulthood. We want to monetarily and emotionally support hard-working families with small children by reducing some of their financial pressure so they can provide a quality early childhood education for their children and in doing so, **help them to thrive!**